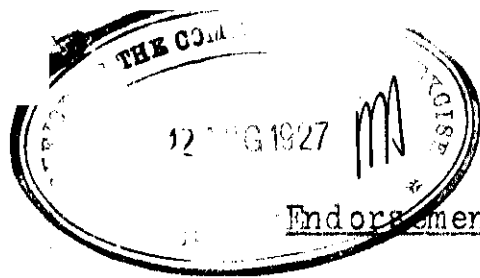


Sub R. No. 2057

Dated 28-9-27.



Revenue Department.

Endorsement No.1695 D/27 - 1, dated 8th August 1927

cise - Country liquor - Arrack - Sale in South Kanara

p2 of An extract of paragraph VII of the Memorandum presented by the deputation of the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League to the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health is forwarded to the Commissioner of Excise for report.

2. Concerning the suggestion that arrack should be sold in sealed bottles which is contained in the Memorandum of the League, the attention of the Commissioner of Excise is invited to Government Memorandum No.1696 ¹⁶⁹⁶ dated 19th July 1927 wherein his remarks have been invited on the proposal to sell arrack in sealed bottles of two sizes in select municipalities and rural areas

Extract of paragraph VII of the Memorandum presented by the deputation of the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League to the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health.

VII. Import of liquor into South Kanara.

In order to prevent adulteration locally or in transit the liquor produced at Nellikuppam, we propose that it should be conveyed in sealed bottles or pints. We made a request to this effect to Messrs Parry & Company. They seem to have been prepared to comply with our request provided the price was increased by 4 as. a bottle, but it appears the Government was against the proposal. We beg to urge on you that our request may be taken into favourable consideration. A large quantity of ^{liquor}~~liquor~~ sold in retail in shops is adulterated with water and all sorts of poisonous stuffs which are very ruinous to the health of the drinkers much more than pure liquor. Besides the liquor as it is transported from Nellikuppam has got a peculiar discolouration a light straw colour which Messrs Parry & Company attribute to the liquor being carried in sherry casks which imparts a slight colour to the liquor and makes it more attractive in appearance as they say. This we consider undesirable.

Further we beg to suggest that no liquor manufactured in India in any case in this Presidency should be treated as foreign.

DRAFT U.O.REPLY.

The object of the mover is state the necessity of treating toddy arrack. Toddy arrack is manufactured in Chowghat Messrs. Parry & Co., and is sold in Foreign Liquor shop. The duty was originally levied at the Tariff rate but from 1-4-23 it was reduced to Rs.17/8/- per proof gallo. The duty being less than the tariff rate, this liquor comes under the category of "country liquor" as defined in Section 3(11) of the Abkari Act. If the object of the mover is only to have this arrack treated as country liquor, then there is no necessity for a discussion of the point as by the amount of duty now levied, the liquor comes under "country liquor".

2. But it appears to the Commissioner that the object of ~~the mover~~ ^{actually} is to have this arrack sold in country spirit shops along with jaggery or molasses arrack. This view finds support from the fact, that the mover put in a petition in January 1926 to the Commissioner in which he requested that a license for the manufacture of toddy arrack, and for its sale in country liquor shops may be granted to the members of the Thiyya community in Malabar. The Commissioner declined to grant this request. A similar request disposed of in appears to have been made to Government and U.O.No. Mis.716-Rev., dated 5-5-26. Originally both toddy and jaggery or molasses arrack were sold side by side in country spirit shops. Gradually the latter class of spirit became very popular and the demand for it grew to so large a proportion of the whole, that it was considered unfair to compel the renters to maintain stocks of both kinds of liquor. In 1906, the Board

therefore recommended to Government that the sale of 'toddy arrack' as 'country spirits' should be put a stop to, and that toddy arrack should be treated as 'foreign liquor' and sold in taverns. This proposal was approved by Government in G.O.No.559-Rev., dated 18-6-06. Even when the duty was reduced from the tariff rate to Rs.17/8/- per proof gallon from 1-4-23 in G.O.No.116-Press., Rev., dated 20-1-23 the Government considered that today arrack should not be sold in country spirit shop

3. That toddy arrack should not be treated as country liquor was also/expressed by the Excise Committee of 1905-06 in paragraph 108 of their report. The Committee held that it should not be sold in country spirit shops, as otherwise there was great danger of that liquor paying the lower duty being substituted for that paying the higher. The Government of India while recommending the adoption of the Committee's view, considered it to be most desirable to eliminate as far as possible the recognised production of toddy spirit, since this was very easily produced by primitive methods from fermented toddy and since, so long as the licit toddy spirit was allowed as a standard country spirit in any area, the license vendors will be under the temptation to enhance their stocks by illicit manufacture. The results of analysis previously made went to show that the jaggery or molasses arrack was purer and that toddy arrack was less pure and less wholesome and possessed a high percentage of acidity. Attention is invited to para 12 of the Board's Report R.No.668-Abk., dated 25-9-18 on memorial of the members of the Thiyya community a copy of which was submitted to Government in reply to their Endorsement No.1254-1 S.R., dated 24-9-1918. From the nature of the toddy arrack, the policy should be to restrict its consumption as far as possible. The number of Foreign liquor shops where toddy arrack can now be sold is only very limited and to allow this arrack to be sold

in country spirit shops will be to increase to the public the sources of supply of this arrack that respect will be most objectionable from temperance point of view apart from other considerations touched upon above. Similar objections will also apply if the object of the mover is to reduce the duty on toddy arrack from Rs.17/8/- per proof gallon to the rate of excise duty levied on country spirits in Malabar i.e. Rs.8/7/- per proof gallon.

4. The object of the mover apparently is that toddy arrack should be sold in arrack shops and subject to the ordinary duty on country spirits, which in Malabar is Rs.8/7/- per proof gallon.

The proposal cannot be accepted, mainly because there would be a great temptation for the arrack vendor to sell arrack illicitly distilled from toddy and our staff could not distinguish such arrack from licit 'toddy arrack'. Attention is invited to para 12 of Board's Report ^{in its Order No. 668 dated} of 25-9-18 ~~quoted above~~. 'Toddy arrack' is classified as 'country liquor' at present but is excised at Rs.17/8/- for the reasons just explained.

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- reputation of the Kanara League
To report to the

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The Council is considering
the question of the advisability
of introducing the Double bottle
system in this Province
with a view to a report on
the subject shortly.

2. The ^{Kanara Indian} Kanara League
also requests that no liquor
manufacture in India,
in any case in this Province
should be treated as foreign.
It is not very clear what
the object of the League is.
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pure Brandy, Whisky or rum imported from foreign countries. These kinds of liquors as well as Coconut Toddy which are manufactured at Chowghat, are sold only in DL shops. The rate of duty on all these liquors is Rs 17-8-0 per p. gallon, being less than the tariff rate, such liquors properly come under the category of Country spirits as defined in the Act.

Presumably the object of the League is that no special treatment should be given to ^{such} locally made liquors and that such liquors should be charged at the same rate of duty ^{as that charged on} as ~~on~~ Country spirits and sold in Country spirit shops. On this presumption the question is examined below.

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as jaggery or molasses arrack
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and the place of sale.

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~~expressed~~ discussed the question
in his report to Govt R No 109
dated 27.1.6.27

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(By Order of the Government, Ministry of Public Health)

J.F.Hall,

Secretary to Government.